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1 these cases. The parties have recently conferred about several final issues and remain optimistic 2 that their good-faith discussions will lead to a settlement that resolves these matters. Based on 3 the progress the parties have made recently in their discussions, the parties have begun the process 4 of obtaining the necessary client and government approvals for settlement of these cases. The 5 parties have reported their progress to Magistrate Judge Ryu and she has directed the parties to submit a status report to her on June 1, 2023. 6 7 Accordingly, the parties request that the Court continue the stay of these cases for an 8 additional 45 days to allow the parties to work toward a final settlement. The parties propose to 9 file a joint status report on June 12, 2023. 10 11 DATE: April 27, 2023 Respectfully submitted, 12 BRIAN M. BOYNTON Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General 13 14 ALEXANDER K. HAAS Director, Federal Programs Branch 15 ANTHONY J. COPPOLINO 16 Deputy Director, Federal Programs Branch 17 /s/ Andrew I. Warden 18 ANDREW I. WARDEN Senior Trial Counsel (IN Bar No. 23840-49) 19 MICHAEL J. GERARDI 20 **Trial Attorneys** U.S. Department of Justice 21 Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch 1100 L Street, NW 22 Washington, D.C. 20530 23 Tel.: (202) 616-5084 Fax: (202) 616-8470 24 E-Mail: Andrew.Warden@usdoj.gov 25 Counsel for Defendants 26 27

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